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MEMORANDUM FOR THE BRETHREN

SUBJECT: Kissinger Requirements

1. The following were raised by Dr. Kissinger at the 13 April SRG meeting as problem areas on which attention needs to be focused:

a) We need to know what will be the probable North Vietnamese strategy in the year ahead and what to do about possible courses of enemy action, specifically as related to various Military Regions in South Vietnam.

b) What can be done now in terms of effective programs in the various Military Regions of South Vietnam?

c) What can be done to improve the military situation in Cambodia?

d) We need a picture of what Vietnamization will entail realistically and what types of US or allied forces need to be left behind.

e) We need a program for troop contributing countries, actually two programs: one independent of fiscal restraints and one acknowledging fiscal limitations. (Why do ROK forces have to come out?)

f) What is meant or what to be meant by a residual or MAAG force (including air)?

g) What sort of air interdiction program is necessary?

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h) What sort of economic assistance and development program ought to be initiated over the next two to three year period?

i) What programs are needed in the police, anti-VCI and pacification areas?

j) What kind of actions are required in the South Vietnamese political sphere?

2. The above were listed as general problems and considerations for reflection. At the same meeting, Dr. Kissinger requested the drafting on an urgent basis of the following specific papers:

a) Projection of probable enemy actions over the next year -- CIA.

b) North Vietnam's potential to continue the war -- CIA.

c) The military situation in South Vietnam, overall and by Military Region -- DIA.

d) The situation on the ground in Cambodia -- State.

e) Questions regarding VNAF modernization -- DOD.

f) Questions regarding air interdiction and optimum interdiction packages -- JCS.

g) The political situation in South Vietnam -- Sullivan Committee.

h) The police program and anti-VCI activities -- Sullivan Committee.


i) Economic programs -- now underway in VSSG.

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j) Programs for regional cooperation (the TCC question) -- Sullivan Committee.

3. I would like to convene at 1400 on Wednesday, 14 April to discuss these White House requests and our response thereto.

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TO: Lt. General Donald V. Bennett

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per our conversation at lunch today, attached is my internal note to my Indochina brethren on the SRG meeting of 13 April and the requirements levied there as I understood them. Since this is an internal document I would appreciate your considering it as something passed informally for your exclusive personal use.



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GAC memo to Brethren, 13 Apr 71

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